



**Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2018  
Room 326, City/County Building  
12:00 p.m.**

**Mission: The CAC exists to provide citizen input into the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.**

**1. Call to Order and Attendance**

Curt Chisholm called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Members present: Curt Chisholm (Chair), Abigail J. St. Lawrence, Gary Mihelish, Gene Prendergast, John Wilkinson, Judy Rolfe, Kiley Gage, Kim Leighton, Marshall Gingery, Moffie Funk, Ruthie Hill, Dennis Taylor, Theresa Ortega, Teresa Charlton, Tom Cordingley, Carolyn Belling, and John Lytle.

Members excused: Mike Mahoney.

Others in attendance: Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks, Dr. Madeline Turner, and Gloria Soja.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the October 26, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

**3. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services**

Gloria Soja reviewed the dashboard update, e-mailed prior to the meeting (and attached to these minutes). Ms. Soja highlighted that the Behavior Health Coordinator position was posted and would close December 9, 2018, and that Kellie McBride intended to have Standard Operating Procedures for the Pretrial Officers and Operational Standards for the Pretrial Services Program, based on national standards, drafted by the January 2019 meeting.

**4. Updates from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – Curt Chisholm**

Curt Chisholm shared with the CAC that at the last CJCC meeting, Captain Alan Hughes shared some disturbing jail statistics, including information that 32 women were housed in a pod that was originally designed to house 12 and 111 individuals were housed in the facility retrofitted to house 80. Mr. Chisholm emphasized that it is his sense that police, county attorneys, and judges have not bought into the Pretrial Services Program as the program was intended. The CAC discussed that law enforcement and county attorneys have also expressed a lack of confidence in the screening tool. Mr. Chisholm suggested that the CAC request the Arnold Foundation return to present to the Municipal, Justice, and District Courts, to encourage their participation.

Dennis Taylor shared that Gallatin County Misdemeanor Probation provided an outstanding

presentation. Mr. Taylor reminded the CAC that the shift away from money bond to pretrial services and misdemeanor probation is an evolutionary process. He suggested that Judge Mike Salvagni, from Gallatin County, be invited to speak from a judicial perspective as he was the leader and advocate when Gallatin County made the shift to their current programs.

**5. Guest Presentation and Discussion – Medication Assisted Treatment – Dr. Madeline Turner**

Curt Chisholm introduced Dr. Madeline Turner. Dr. Turner gave an overview of Purview's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. Dr. Turner shared that the VA and Leo Pocha Clinic are both slowly starting to add MAT as well.

Gary Mihelish and Dr. Turner both recommended that Council members read Sam Quinones book: *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*.

**6. Specialty Court Discussion – Curt Chisholm**

Curt Chisholm requested that a group begin working on a recommendation regarding a mental health specialty court. Marshall Gingery will lead this committee.

**7. Public Comment**

No public comment received.

**8. Next Meeting: January 25, 2019**

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes approved January 25, 2019.